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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASABLY ATTACHING A POLISHING
PAD TO A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION MACHINE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated November 7, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 89 and 91-94, and add new claims 99-110 as follows:

89. (Amended) A method for removably attaching a planarizing medium to a platen of a planarizing machine, comprising:
applying a signal to the platen that produces an electrostatic attractive force between the platen and the planarizing medium.

91. (Amended) The method of claim 89 wherein the platen includes a conductive plate positioned within the platen, and applying a signal includes providing a signal to the conductive plate positioned within the platen.